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## Saddle Mountain Fire

**Location:** In the Pine Valley Mountain Wilderness, on the northside of Saddle Mountain. This is about 3 miles southwest of the community of Pine Valley and 4.5 miles southeast of Central.

**Acres:** Less than 1 acre, burning on the ground in pine litter.

**Start Date:** First reported Sunday, September 19.

**Cause:** Lightning

**Current Situation:** This fire is burning in extremely rugged terrain. Smoke is occasionally visible from Pine Valley and Central.



Fire management officials have been closely monitoring this fire since it was first reported. The fire is being managed under a confine and contain approach, which sets limits on the fire's growth. Potential for large growth of this fire is low because of fire conditions and its location. If the fire grows, suppression will begin before the fire reaches 100 acres.

The fire is currently burning in an area too rugged and dangerous for firefighters to access. This natural fire will help reduce fuels and improve wildlife habitat.

Fire officials are continuing to closely monitor this fire.

Additional information will be available at 688-3333 as it becomes available.

